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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY
PARIS, FRANCE FOR YOUR INFORMATION

QUOTE

SUBJECT: LETTERS ROGATORY ON TURKISH AIRLINES CRASH

REF: PARIS 1855

FOR: JUDGE PEIRSON M. HALL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
U.S. COURT HOUSE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

1. PLEASE REFER TO EMBASSY CABLE OF JANUARY 22 REGARDING
LETTERS ROGATORY IN PARIS AIR CRASH (MDL DOCKET 172,
NO. CV 74-698-PH). AS STATED IN THAT CABLE, THE
EMBASSY TRANSMITTED THROUGH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
YOUR REQUEST THAT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED PARTIES TO
CIVIL SUIT BE ALLOWED TO INSPECT THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE
AND OTHER EVIDENCE RELATED TO AIR CRASH BEING HELD FOR
PURPOSES OF FRENCH INQUIRY.

2. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS INFORMED THE
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EMBASSY THAT YOUR REQUEST CANNOT BE GRANTED BECAUSE OF

THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE INQUIRY PRESENTLY CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE OF THE TRIBUNAL DE GRANDA INSTANCE AT SENLIS. THE MINISTRY EXPLAINED THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN UNDER JUDICIAL CONTROL THE WRECKAGE OF THE AIRCRAFT, AS WELL AS THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, IN ORDER TO ALLOW CROSS-CHECKING AND DISCUSSION OF THE REPORTS OF THE EXPERTS AND EVENTUALLY RE-EXAMINATION OF THE EVIDENCE.

3. THERE IS AS YET NO ESTIMATE OF WHEN THE FRENCH INVESTIGATION OF THE ACCIDENT MAY BE CONCLUDED. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE INVESTIGATION MAY WELL CONTINUE UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR OR LONGER.

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